SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EXMOUTH



TELL US WHAT YOU LIKE & DON'T LIKE AND GIVE YOUR IDEAS IN THE NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WHAT IS THE EXMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

It is the chance for all residents to influence how Exmouth will develop in the next 15 years, filling in the details of the new East Devon Local Plan.

HOW WILL IT BE DRAWN UP?

This is a community-led process, working with the Town Council and with the support of East Devon District Council. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is starting a year of community consultation events leading to a referendum in the summer of 2017.

WHEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO PUT FORWARD YOUR IDEAS?

To make sure that we look closely at each part of Exmouth, to see how it is and how you want it to be, we will have Ward consultations in May and June. Times and venues will be announced in April. Before then, on 28th April there will be an open day at the Town Hall. But this survey is your first opportunity to contribute your views. Please take a few minutes to fill it in, and return it to us by May 9th (or you can bring it with you on April 28th).

HOW WILL IT HELP?

It will tell us what you do and don't like about Exmouth and what is important to you including: community and leisure facilities; your well-being; getting around; education and training; business and employment opportunities; and your shopping preferences. We can then discuss all the ideas at the consultation meetings. We will then look at the issues and work them up into a draft plan which we will come back to discuss with you.

"We really value your input. So thank you in advance for taking the time to give us your thoughts."



PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEYS BY MONDAY 9TH MAY

To: Neighbourhood Plan Survey, Exmouth Town Council, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth EX8 1AW.
Other drop-off points will be announced shortly in the media, e.g. the Exmouth Journal.

If you would like this survey in large text format, please phone 01395 276167 or email: npsg@exmouth.gov.uk

Please take a few minutes to fill in this survey with those who live in your property. Each member should use the same column and letter throughout – for example, whoever fills in as 'Person A' in question 3, will answer as 'Person A' throughout.

If you need more copies of this survey, please phone 01395 276167 or email: npsq@exmouth.gov.uk

You can also fill in this survey online at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ExmouthNP

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Thank you for your help. All responses to the survey will be used by Devon Communities Together to produce an independent report. This will be published in June and used as the basis for the draft Neighbourhood Plan for the continuing series of consultations with you.

Further information about the Neighbourhood Planning Process is available on the East Devon District Council website at: http://eastdevon. gov.uk/planning/neighbourhoodand-community-plans/

Or contact Tim Clatworthy, (Neighbourhood Plan Project Administrator) by emailing npsg@exmouth.gov.uk or reception@exmouth.gov.uk or telephone 01395 276167







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WHY DO WE HAVE TO BOTHER?

If you don't, the decisions affecting you will be made as they have been for years. This is your chance to be heard. Like every town in the country, Exmouth has changed over the years. Occasionally changes are forced upon us, such as flood defences. Often new patterns of living have caused major changes, such as outof-town supermarkets replacing town centre outlets. And new construction materials have given rise to many new styles of architecture. Some of these changes are not welcome to all, sometimes because it feels as though somebody else is making the decisions and not listening to us.

WE SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF PLANS — WILL THIS ONE HAVE CLOUT AND HOW WILL IT BE IMPLEMENTED?

Once adopted it HAS to be taken into account when any future planning applications are considered and policies are drawn up. Exmouth has never had a detailed and influential plan like this will be. And the bonus is that through the new levy on developers building in Exmouth, there will be substantial extra finance available for the town itself to support its priority projects.

OK, I'M INTERESTED - WHAT DO I DO?



First, answer the questions overleaf. It would be great if you can get other members of your household to fill it in also, including children because we want to get a good cross section of ages. Please return your completed survey by Monday 9th May to: Neighbourhood Plan Survey, Exmouth Town Council, St. Andrews Road, Exmouth EX8 1AW

Then watch out for our regular newsletters — about one a month — which will tell you about the consultation events and how the plan is developing. This is the first step to creating Exmouth's own unique Neighbourhood Plan.